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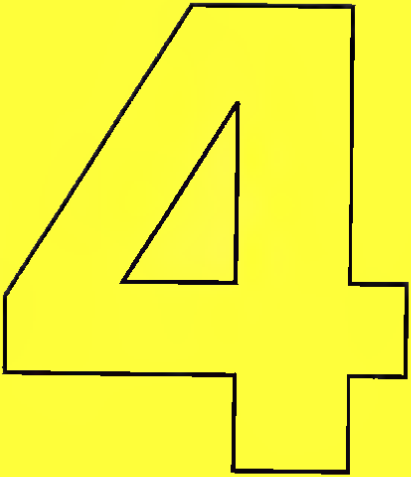

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I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU WHEN I GROW UP, MS KANO!
I SEE..... A BASEBALL PLAYER?
YEAH!
I'M GONNA JOIN THE CANDYS!!
I'LL LET YOU JOIN MY TEAM WHEN YOU'RE A LITTLE BIGGER, THEN.
OF COURSE.
COULD YOU SIGN THIS?!

Ball Tokyo Candys,
Great Ace
Tome Kano
東京キャンディーズ
大エース
加納トメ

PLEASE!
YOU HAVE TO BEAT THE FREEZE!!
GAME 32
FREEZE

YEAH
OF COURSE WE WILL.

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY!
PLEASE COME AGAIN TOMORROW!
MS KANO! SIGN THIS FOR ME TOO!
THIS WAY, TOME!

BUILT A STADIUM AND INVITED A TEAM FROM AMERICA. I WON'T LET THEM SUCCEED
THOSE SCUMBAGS

HIBIYA COSMETICS COULDN'T HAVE FINANCED ALL OF IT.
THEY MUST HAVE SPENT OVER 150 MILLION YEN TO BUILD IT. WHERE DID THEY GET THE MONEY?

AND IF THE MATCH AGAINST ONE OF THE TOP AMERICAN TEAMS GOES THROUGH, SHE'LL BE BIGGER THAN EVER..... THEY'VE SPENT A LOT TO ADVERTISE IT.
NOW..... TOME KANO IS THEIR ACE.
HIBIYA COSMETICS PUT UP WHAT THEY COULD AND TOOK OUT A LOAN FOR THE REST.
THAT...
MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.
BUT THEY CAN'T RECOUP ALL THAT THEY'VE SPENT BY A SINGLE GAME, CAN THEY?

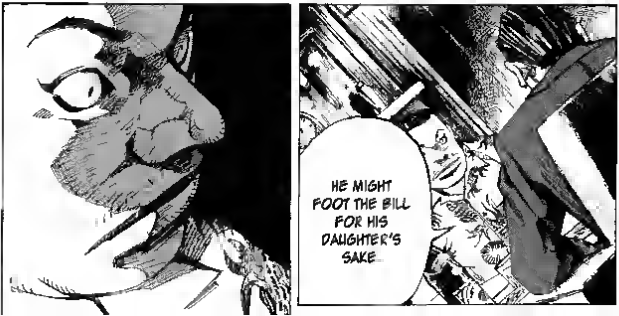
MY SOURCES IN GHQ TELL ME IT'S ALMOST CERTAIN
THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO BET ON THIS MATCH.
OH...?
TELL ME HOW.
LET'S SAY A FIFTH OF THE TOKYO POPULATION BUYS AN AVERAGE OF 20 TICKETS AT 10 YEN EACH.
THEY'LL MAKE BACK THAT 150 MILLION EASILY.
BUT WAIT.
WHAT ABOUT THE PAYOUT?
EVERY LAST JAPANESE WILL BET ON THE CANOYS.

THE AMERICAN HOTEL MAGNATE RICHARD BANKS

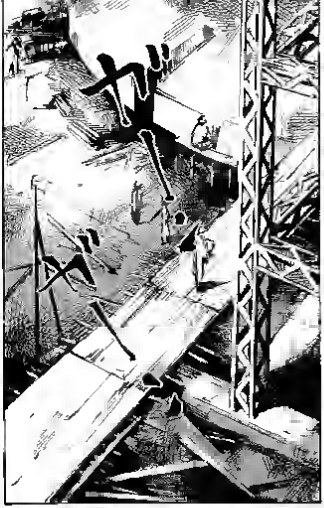
MR ROYAL
WHAT?

ONE OF THE FREEZE STAR PLAYERS, KATE BANKS, IS COMING TO JAPAN WITH HER FATHER

IS RICH BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS
THAT MAN

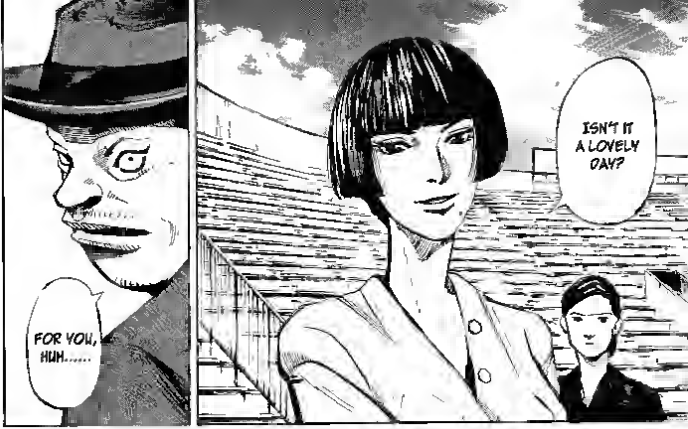

HE MIGHT FOOT THE BILL FOR HIS DAUGHTER'S SAKE

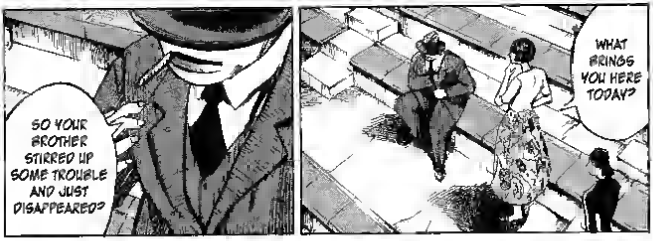
BUT
EVEN IF HE DOES, A CANDYS LOSS WOULD BE A DISASTER
OH YES.



OH,
IF IT ISN'T MR ROYAL.

How many people do they hope to attract?
It's huge ...


FOR YOU, HUH.....
ISN'T IT A LOVELY DAY?


SO YOUR BROTHER STIRRED UP SOME TROUBLE AND JUST DISAPPEARED?
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY?

I DON'T HAVE A BROTHER.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR EVERYTHING IF THE CANDYS LOSE THE MATCH.....

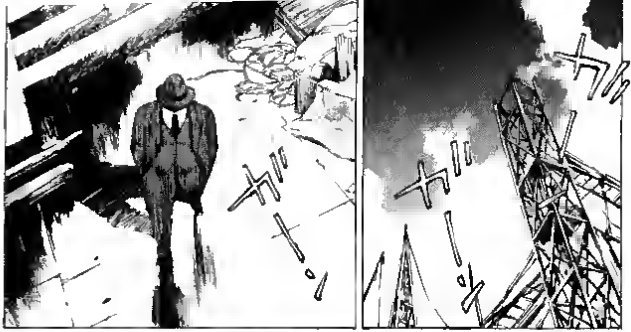
THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU'LL BE RUINED

SHE WON'T LOSE, AND NEITHER WILL THE CANDYS.

SO YOU'RE TYING YOUR FATE TO THAT TOME KANO GIRL?

THEY'LL WIN AND SHARE AMERICA'S WEALTH WITH EVERYONE.
ISN'T THAT GOOD?
TAKING AMERICA'S MONEY?
WHAT COULD CHEER PEOPLE UP MORE AFTER LOSING THE WAR?
OH, LEAVING ALREADY?
I HOPE YOU'LL BET ON THE CANDYS TOO.
WE CAN ALL USE THE MONEY TO CHASE OUR DREAMS ....



I'll destroy you.
TOKYO Candy

TO CANDY STUDIUM

HMM?
WHAT FOR?

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE LINES OF PEOPLE OUTSIDE HIGHA COSMETICS TODAY!

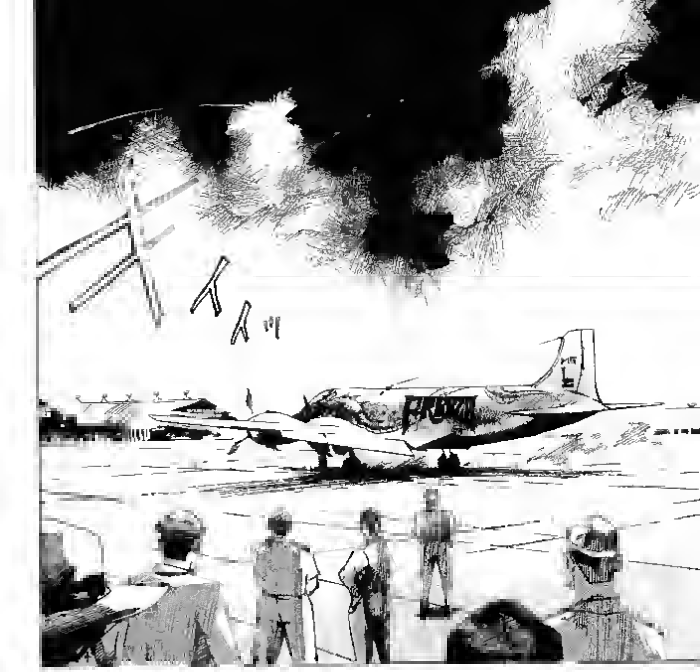
THEY ALL WANTED TO JOIN THE CANDYS!!
I EVEN HEARD A LOT OF THEM WERE PLAYERS WHO LEFT THE LEAGUE!

I DON'T WANT TO IMAGINE
WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE WHEN ANGRY!!
YEAH, THAT'D BE HORRIBLE!

BUT WON'T MR ROYAL BE FURIOUS IF WE GET PLAYERS FROM THE LEAGUE?

I HOPE WE'LL GET SOME GOOD PEOPLE
THERE ARE ONLY 9 OF US NOW...

IN ANY CASE, WHEN TOMORROW COMES,
OUR PREY-
THE AMERICAN GIRLS TEAM ..


REBELD

REBELD
THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PLANE!
WHAT IN THE WORLD ?
INCRE-DIBLE.

C'MON, LET'S GO.
WE'LL CONQUER THE JAP'S A SECOND TIME!!
O--KAY!

GAME32 END

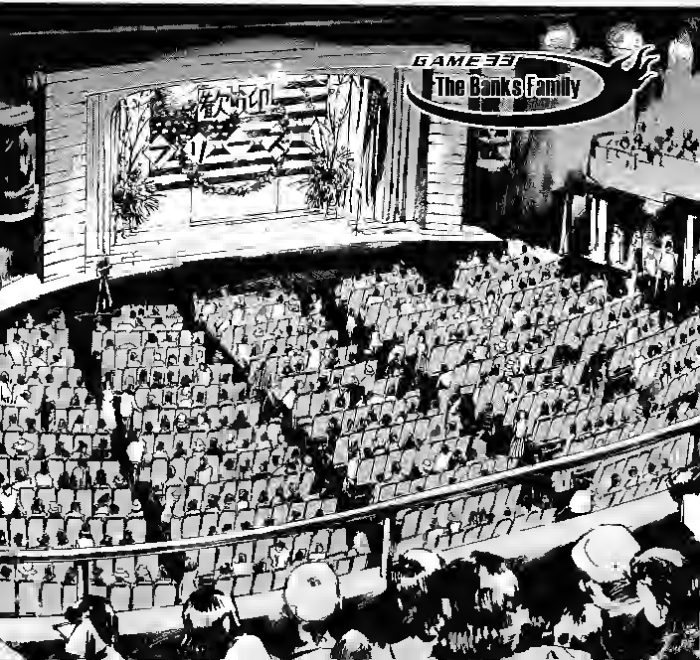
(Building:) Hibiya Movie (...)
(Banner:) American Girls Team
Welcome Ceremony For the Fre...ce
BOSS..... THEY'VE AGREED TO MEET US AFTER THE WELCOME CEREMONY.
アメリカ女子選抜チーム
フリーズ歓迎式

Katsumi..... the hotel magnate is here.

This will be one big match.

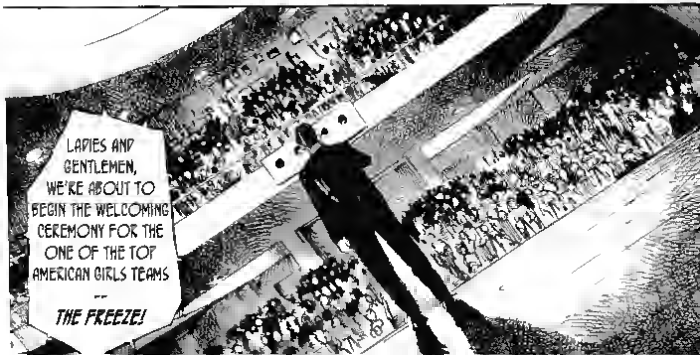
AH, OKAY.
GOOD WORK.

I'M SORRY! YOU CAN'T GO IN YET!!
WHY NOT? LET US IN!!
WE WANT TO SEE MS KANO!!

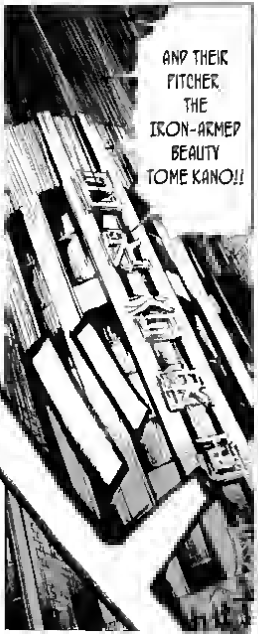

GAME 33
The Banks Family

DID RICHARD BANKS REALLY COME TO JAPAN?

A GUN
SOUNDS JUST LIKE HIM
YES, I HEAR THAT HE INSISTED ON CARRYING A GUN, SO GHQ WROTE HIM A SHORT MEMO PERMITTING IT.


LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN THE WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR THE ONE OF THE TOP AMERICAN GIRLS TEAMS
--
THE FREEZE!

BUT FIRST, PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR THEIR OPPONENTS — THE TOKYO CANDYS!!


AND THEIR PITCHER, THE IRON-ARMED BEAUTY TOMI KANO!!

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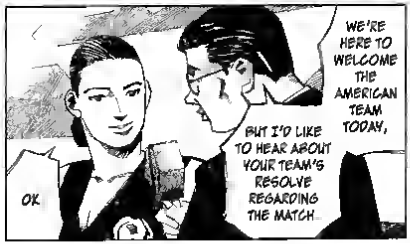
MS KANO ~~!
OVER HERE!!
She's really popular.


WE'RE HERE TO WELCOME THE AMERICAN TEAM TODAY,
BUT I'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR TEAM'S RESOLVE REGARDING THE MATCH.
OK.

NOW WE'RE GOING TO TALK TO THE CANDYS CAPTAIN, KUROSAWA.

I HEAR THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO PLACE BETS ON THIS MATCH
TICKETS FOR THE GAME WILL GO ON SALE ACROSS JAPAN TOMORROW...

WE'RE ALL GLAD FOR THE CHANCE TO PLAY AGAINST A TEAM FROM AMERICA, THE HOME OF BASEBALL.

VROOM
VROOM
VROOM
VROOM

HARLEY-
DAVIDSON

WHA-
WHAT THE HECK?

GIMME THE MIKE.

I GUESS THERE REALLY WASN'T A NEED TO SHOW UP HERE,

BUT AFTER COMING ALL THE WAY TO A SAD LI'L COUNTRY LIKE THIS,
I FIGURED I'D SHOW Y'ALL HOW GORGEOUS I AM.

WHAT WERE Y'ALL THINKING INVITING US FOR A MATCH, THOUGH?
GOT THAT? NO WAY IN HELL AMERICA WILL LOSE TO A BUNCH OF FISS-POOR WHORES LIKE YOU.
WE'RE ALL HERE TO SEE WHAT SIGHTS. AND A LITTLE RECREATIONAL BASEBALL.

YOU'RE AMERICAN, RIGHT.....? SELLING OUT YOUR COUNTRY?
OH... AND WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
PLAYING AROUND WITH A BUNCH OF MONKEYS
COOL IT, CONNIE!
M--
MONKEYS
THAT'S AWFUL

DID YOU ALL HEAR THAT?

YOU'VE HEARD HER BARKING, BUT SHE'S GOT NOTHING TO BACK IT UP INSIDE.
WE'LL SEE HER MAKE A FOOL OF HERSELF ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH.
WE'RE NOT GONNA LET THE YANKEES BEAT US!!
YOU'RE THE BEST, TOME!!
GO KANO!!

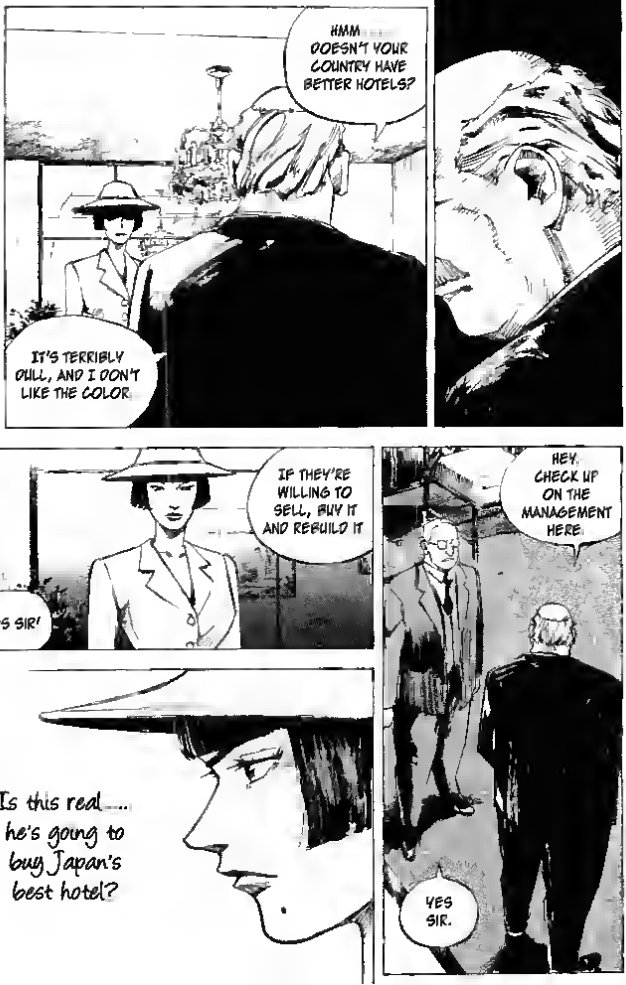
SHE'S THE ONE WHO FACED OFF AGAINST YOUR GENERAL MACARTHUR OUR HEROINE, THE IRON-ARMED BEAUTY
WHO'S SHE?
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
The nerve of riding this in here..

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING TO MY HARLEY!?
H--HELP!!

I'LL DESTROY YOU!!
BRING IT ON, BITCH!!

TOME!! YOU'RE GOING OVER-BOARD!

WELCOME TO JAPAN.....
IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU,
MR RICHARD BANKS.


HMM... DOESN'T YOUR COUNTRY HAVE BETTER HOTELS?
IT'S TERRIBLY DULL, AND I DON'T LIKE THE COLOR.
IF THEY'RE WILLING TO SELL, BUY IT AND REBUILD IT
YES SIR!
HEY, CHECK UP ON THE MANAGEMENT HERE.
YES SIR.
Is this real..... he's going to buy Japan's best hotel?

Don't let it slip.
Then again, he's got the money for it.
Chances like these come once in a lifetime.
It's time to gamble.
GAME.33 END

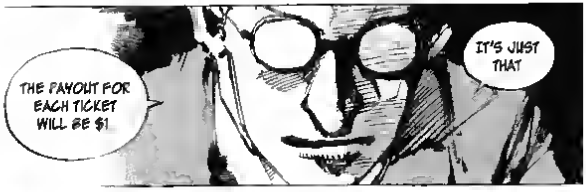
(Sign:) Top American Girls-Team Fresno vs Tokyo Candys

I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
FOR COMING TO JAPAN.
GAME 34
36 vs. 1

I'LL EXPLAIN IT SIMPLY.

LISTEN UP, BURNES.
OKAY SIR.

THE JAPANESE SIDE WOULD LIKE US TO COVER THE PAYOUT FOR EVERY 10 YEN TICKET FOR A CANOYS VICTORY.


IT'S JUST THAT
THE PAYOUT FOR EACH TICKET WILL BE $1

JAPAN'S POPULATION NOW IS ABOUT 82 MILLION
IF WE ASSUME ABOUT 5 MILLION TICKETS WILL BE SOLD, WE'D HAVE TO PAY $5 MILLION
[Note: About 54 billion yen (455450 million) in today's money.]
WHAT?
WHY ARE WE PAYING 36 TO 1?

THAT'S INSANE
WHY SHOULD WE AGREE TO THIS GAMBLE?

MR BANKS

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE NEVER KNOWN PAIN OR DISCOMFORT
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THE DEAL IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR DAUGHTER?

BESIDES,
A FACTOR OF 36 IS ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AMERICA AND JAPAN TODAY

IF YOU AMERICANS HAVE ANY PRIDE,
YOU SHOULD WANT TO KEEP THINGS FAIR.

THERE'S ONE MORE PROBLEM.

THEY'RE IN SERIOUS DEBT AFTER CONSTRUCTING THE STADIUM AND ADVERTISING THIS EVENT.
THE JAPANESE SIDE DOESN'T HAVE THE FUNDS TO PAY US IF WE WIN.

THIS DEAL IS IMPOSSIBLE.
IN CONCLUSION,
WELL, I DON'T MIND THE 36 TO 1 ODDS.
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THIS IMPOVERISHED COUNTRY IS LARGER THAN THAT.
GAMBLING WHEN YOU HAVE NOTHING TO RISK... THAT'S A CON JOB.
BUT NOT BEING ABLE TO PAY UP?

GAHA HAHA!
EVEN IF WE PLAY, THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL LOSE!
OR ARE YOU GONNA FULL ANOTHER PEARL HARBOR?!
I'M TAKING A RISK.
IF WE LOSE, I'LL BE BANKRUPT..... AND FOR JAPAN IT'LL BE LOSING THE WAR AGAIN.
NO SURPRISE ATTACKS.
WE'LL PLAY FAIR AND SQUARE AND WIN.

WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT THE MONEY ISN'T MUCH TO ME.
BUT IF IT'S NOT A CON JOB, THEN SHOW ME THAT YOU'RE SINCERE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'VE NEVER SEEN A JAP NUDE BEFORE.

YOU'LL ACCEPT THE DEAL
GAHA HAHA!
IF I DO IT?
WHAT DID I TELL YOU? SHOW ME YOU'RE SINCERE FIRST
STRIP RIGHT HERE.

30 MINUTES !!
WE'LL BEAT THEM IN 30 MINUTES!!

I DON'T BELIEVE THEM!!

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE BECAUSE OUR BODIES ARE WEAK
WE'LL HAVE TO TRAIN HARD STARTING TOMORROW.

THAT'S RIGHT! LET'S WIN AT BASEBALL, EVERYONE!

DON'T FORGET, GIRLS.
MOST OF THEM WERE JUST IDLING AROUND BEHIND THEIR FEISTY LEADER

IT'S NOT EASY PLAYING AGAINST OUR HOMELAND
BUT WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT FOR OUR TEAMMATES.
MAMA...
I KNOW, CONNIE
WE PLAY FOR THE CANDYS.
..... YEAH

GULP...

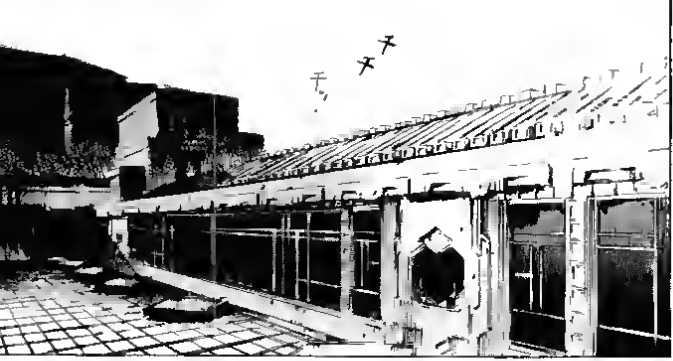
I'M SURE IT'D BE EASY FOR SOME SCUM OUT THERE..
DAHAHA HAHA!
THE SMELL OF POVERTY?!
GRAB
BUT FIRST WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT SMELL.
BUT I'M NOT GONNA SLEEP WITH A JAPANESE.
THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND YOU LOT.

STERILIZE IT.

THAT SHOULD WORK!

WHETHER I'LL ACCEPT OR NOT DEPENDS ON IT.
STAND THERE UNTIL I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO LEAVE.

THE MILITARY?
MR BANKS. THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN WAITING AT THE BANQUET HALL.
LET THEM WAIT!



MR BANKS ACCEPTED THE DEAL.
WE'LL FINALIZE THE DETAILS AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE IN 10 MINUTES.
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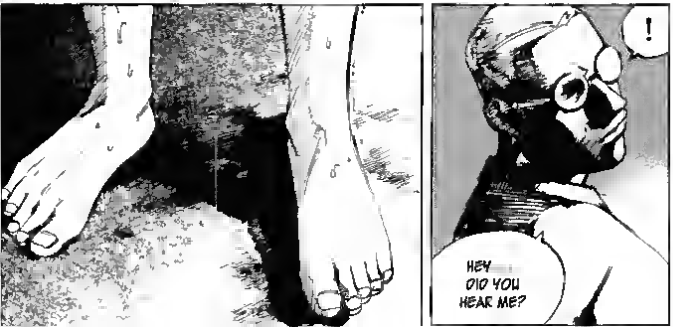
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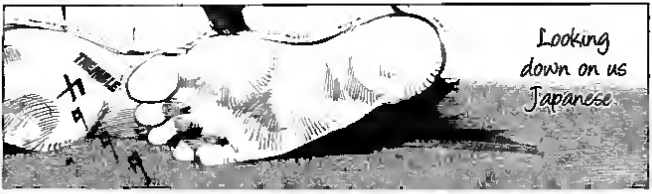
HEY DID YOU HEAR ME?


TRAMPLE
Looking down on us Japanese

You'll pay for this.
GAME 34 END

TOKYO CANDY STADIUM
GIRLS !!
THE MATCH WILL BE IN 2 WEEKS!
I'M GONNA PACK THIS PLACE WITH CHEERING FANS!!
Candy
6
AND THEY'LL SHOW THAT THEY BELIEVE IN YOU!
EVERYONE.

GAME 35

Loaded

AND IN 30 MINUTES, TOO.

RE-
-LAX.
WE'RE GONNA WIN.

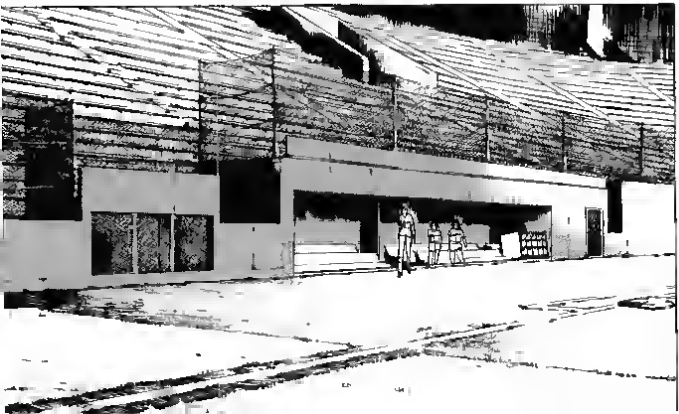
THERE'S NO WAY JUST THE 9 OF YOU CAN FIGHT. I'VE SPOKEN TO THE OWNER, AND WE'LL BE WELCOMING 3 NEW LADIES TO THE TEAM.
BUT LISTEN.

OH, I KNOW THAT

I'LL INTRODUCE THEM.

Wow.... new members.

COME HERE!
TOKYO CAMERA



ITSUKI !!

WHA~ ~AT?

YO!

LONG TIME NO SEE.
HOW'S YOUR LEG?
ALL BETTER NOW.

WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHY ARE ALL THE STRIKES PLAYERS JOINING US?!

MS KANO
THEY ALSO HAVE TO FOREGO THE UPCOMING TOURNAMENT IN ORDER TO JOIN US

WOULD YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELVES?
OKAY
Geeze, doesn't she have any loyalty...?
What the hell...
This is great!
Ms Itsuki joining the Candys will make our team much stronger!
I'M YONE UGAJIN I USED TO PLAY WITH THE OSAKA BATTERYS.
I also know judo...
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO DEFEND EITHER INFIELD OR OUTFIELD!
I'M OKAMOTO I CAME FROM THE YOKOHAMA DREAMS.
I'LL DO MY BEST FOR THE TEAM!

This is ridiculous.
MY SPECIALTY IS PITCHING, BUT SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY GOT AN ACE, I'LL REIN MYSELF IN--!

I'M NAE ITSUKI AND I GOT DRAGGED AWAY FROM THE STRIKES--!!

GIGGLE

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME FOR BACKUP IF SHE GOES DOWN--!!

HULL...
O!
I WON'T LET YOU PULL ME DOWN
YOU WON'T GET TO PLAY
THAT'S FINE
IN THAT CASE, I'M SURE WE'LL WIN
JUST TAKING PART IN A MATCH LIKE THIS IS AN HONOR.....
IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME TO BE A PART OF THE TEAM AND HELP OUR ACE, TOME KANO

ALL RIGHT! NOW ALL THE FIGHTING LADIES ARE GATHERED !!
WE'RE GONNA TRAIN HARD FOR THE MATCH IN 2 WEEKS!

RE~ ~ALLY?
IN THAT CASE, I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT!

Ms Itsuki... you handled Tome well

MMM~

YEAH!
LET'S DO IT!

SPEAK UP IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU DON'T LIKE BEFORE THE MATCH
GIRLS
I WANT ALL OF YOU TO BE IN THE BEST POSSIBLE CONDITION ON THAT DAY
I'LL DO MY BEST TO FIX IT.

SO THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING TO REGRET
NO,
NOTHING AT ALL. . . .
HEY,
IS SOMETHING WRONG?

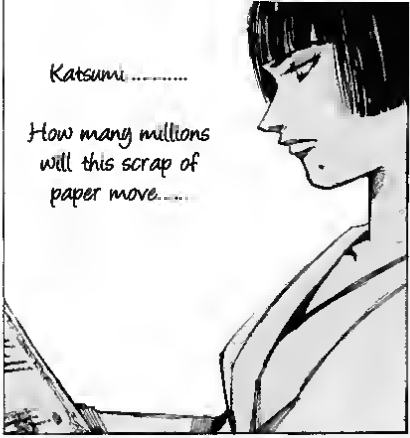
I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN OUTSIDE THE PITCH....
WELL,
YOU SOUND DIFFERENT.
I FEEL LIKE A MOTHER SENDING HER CHILDREN OFF.

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU HAVE GREAT KIDS, THEN.
C'MON LADIES!
TIME TO PRACTICE!!
Candys
Candys

TOKYO CANDY SHOP

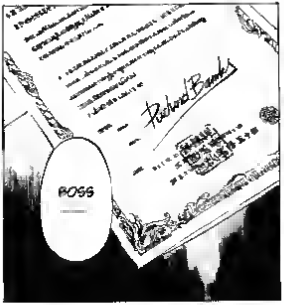
HIBIYA
COSMETICS

Richard Ba
Its worth can't be measured
With Banks' signature on it


Katsumi.....
How many millions will this scrap of paper move.....

Will be a shot across America's bow!
And this scrap of paper.....

BOSS!
THIS IS SERIOUS !!
T-
THE CANOVS TICKETS ARE . ...
IT'S EXCEEDED OUR FORECASTS IN JUST ONE DAY!
HOW!?
WE DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA...
WHAT!?
7.5 MILLION?!


Richard Banks
BOSS

THE MAN ON THE STREET IS BUYING TICKETS, OF COURSE. BUT LARGE ORDERS FROM COMPANIES LIKE GOI AND NANABISHI ARE ALSO STEADILY FLOWING IN!

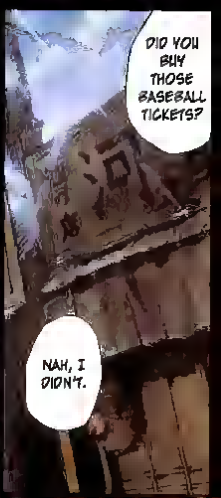
PEOPLE ARE SNAPPING THEM UP ALL OVER JAPAN!!

AT THIS POINT, WE ALREADY HAVE TO SET ASIDE $7.5 MILLION!
IF THIS CONTINUES, I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW MUCH WE MIGHT HAVE TO PAY!
HMMPH.
TAYLOR

[Note: About 81 billion yen (US$675 million) in today's money.]

THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO HANDLE THIS.
FUCKING YELLOW MONKEYS..... DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU POINT A GUN AT AMERICA .....?
END

NO WAY JAPAN'S GONNA WIN AGAINST AMERICA.....
YEAH. CAN'T FIGHT AGAINST THE HOME OF BASEBALL

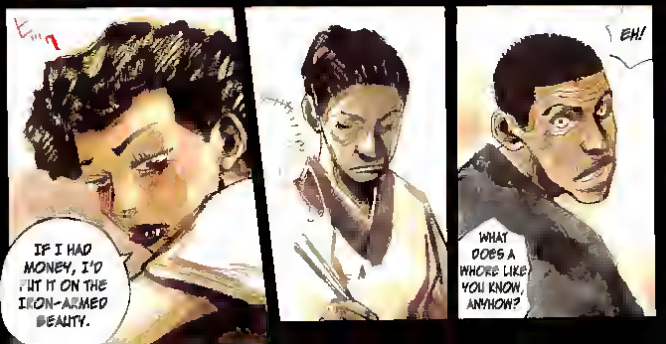

DID YOU BUY THOSE BASEBALL TICKETS?
NAH, I DIDN'T.

(Poster) (...) US FREEZE vs (...) CANOUS 11/27 Candys Stadium(...)
(Poster title...) US-Japan Girls Match

GAME 36
Crescent Moon

NO PRO GAMBLER WOULD TOUCH THOSE TICKETS

THAT'S WHY ALL YOU DO IS BUM AROUND.
YOU MEN DON'T KNOW HOW TO DREAM.
LISH... HIC


IF I HAD MONEY, I'D PUT IT ON THE IRON-ARMED BEAUTY.
EH!
WHAT DOES A WHORE LIKE YOU KNOW, ANYHOW?

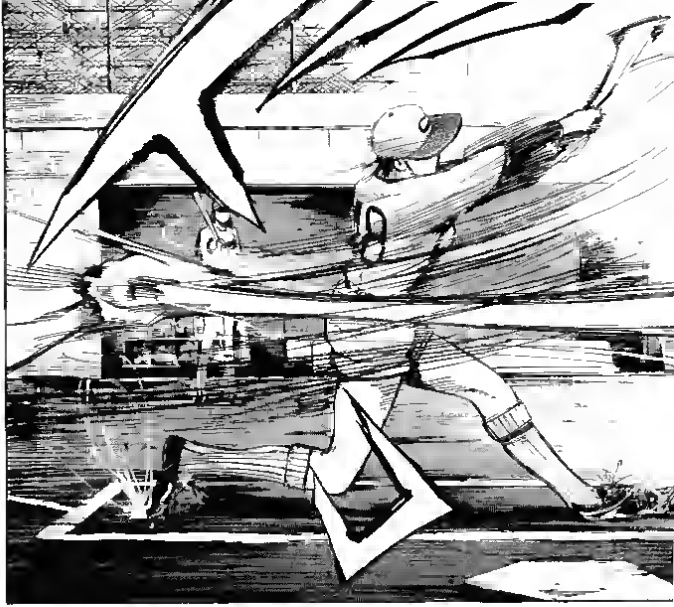
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY SOME BASEBALL TICKETS, SIR?
IF THE CANOYS WIN, YOU'LL MAKE 36 TIMES FOR EVERY 10 YEN.
LOOK HERE, EVERYONE
賭け倍率三十六倍に
THE ODDS GOT ANNOUNCED TODAY
(Newspaper) US-Japan Girls Professional Baseball
SO 3,600 YEN FOR 100 YEN
THAT'S A TIDY PROFIT.

OH, BUT SIR.
IT'S A GAMBLE... IT ISN'T A DEFINITE WIN.
THEN LET IT BURN.
A PRESENT FOR YOU, MISS.
TRY YOUR LUCK.

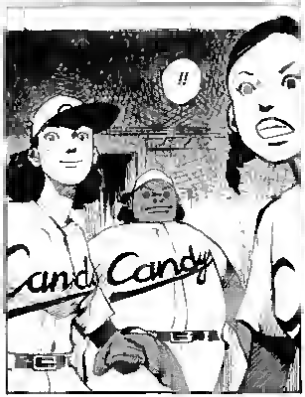
SHOULD BE WORTH ABOUT 30,000 IF YOU WIN.
W-WAIT!
THIS MANY...
I CAN KEEP THIS?
T-
THANK YOU.....

(Box) Public Telephone
公衆電話
YEAH, MY SHIP'S LEAVING TONIGHT.....
SO..... YOU'RE FINALLY GOING?
I'LL MISS YOU...

HEY,
HOW'S TOME?
NERVOUS THAT SO MUCH MONEY IS RIDING ON HER LEFT ARM?
NO.....
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?



THAT'S OUR ACE.
ONE HELL OF THROW.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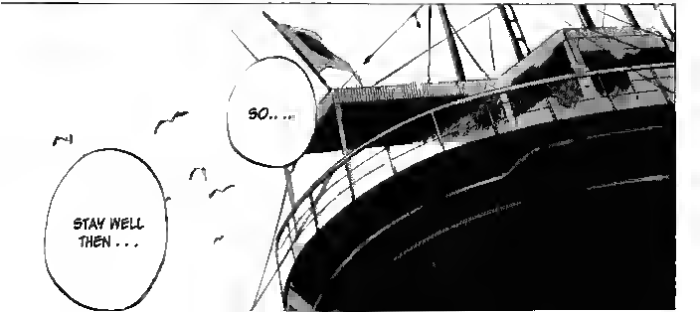
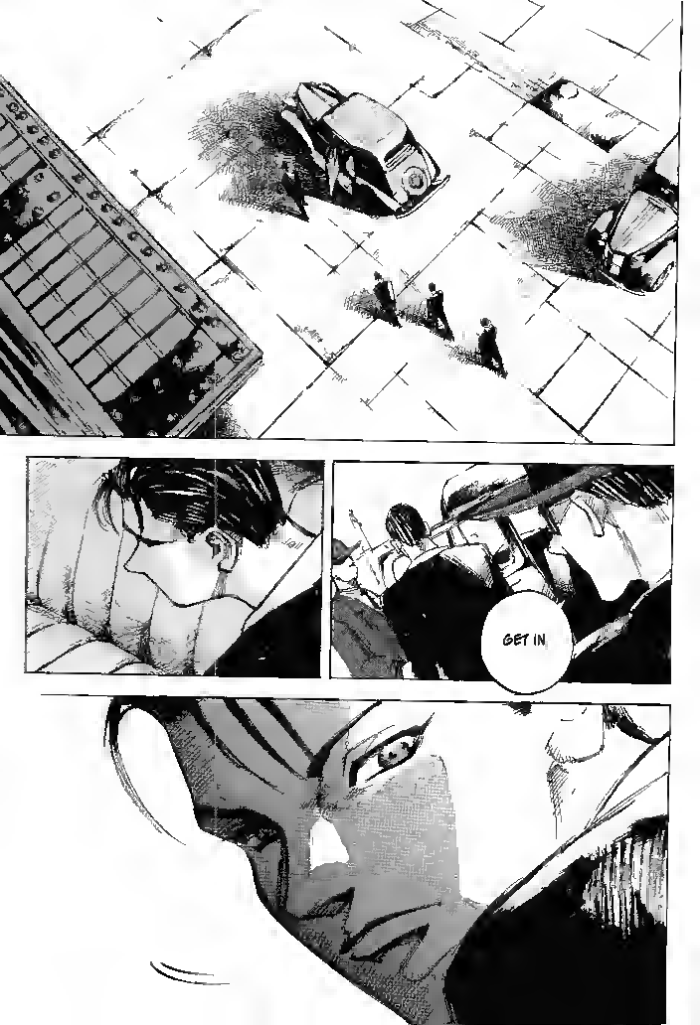
Candy


SO... ...
STAY WELL THEN . . .

SOMETIME
.....
SOMEWHERE
...
LET'S MEET
AGAIN.

AND IF I REFUSE?
THAT WON'T BE HAPPENING.

MR KATSUMI RANZAKI?
WOULD YOU COME WITH US, PLEASE?


GET IN

Tome.....
I'm
sorry.....

20°
70
PHEW~~
A crescent moon....
And when it becomes full, it'll shine....

It's a promise
--- Katsumi ---

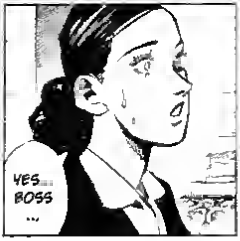
BOSS, THERE'S A PACKAGE FROM MR KATSUMI.
FROM KATSUMI ?
WOULD YOU OPEN IT?
YES, MA'AM.
B-
BOSS
!
THIS IS BAD!

(Note) US-Japan Match
If you value your brother's life,
then make sure you lose

HOTEL
HOTEL
I'M ONLY ASKING WHO PUT YOU UP TO THIS.
DON'T LOOK SO SERIOUS.
CLICK
GEEZE.
CAN'T YOU ANSWER THAT?

SO IT WAS YOU, HUH.....
GAMERO END

(Note:) US-Japan Match
If you value your brother's life,
then make sure you lose.
WE SHOULD CALL THE POLICE...
NO..... EVERYTHING WILL BE RUINED IF WE DO THAT!


YES... BOSS ...

LISTEN
DON'T LET WORD OF THIS LEAK OUT

So they're striking back like this....

GAME 37

The Culprit

THANK YOU.
BUT I'VE GOT A FAVOR TO ASK IN EXCHANGE.
OF COURSE.
I'VE GIVEN YOU EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO COVER THE CANOYS
COULD YOU.....
FIND OUT WHAT HE'S BEEN DOING LATELY?
YES, WELL... IT'LL BE EASIER AS PART OF GHQ THAN FOR YOUR JAPANESE REPORTERS.
AS A USFJ REPORTER, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO RICHARD BANKS.
(Note: The United States Forces, Japan or USFor Per, is the various divisions of the United States armed forces that are station d in Japan.)

CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?
Y-- YES.
BUT.. WHY?
CREAK
WE'RE BEING BLACKMAILED
WHAT !?

KATSUMI WAS KIDNAPPED. AND WE WERE TOLD TO THROW THE US-JAPAN MATCH.
S- SO YOU THINK.....
BANKS IS.....
I THINK IT'S POSSIBLE.
HE STANDS TO LOSE 2.7 BILLION FROM THIS MATCH.

IF BANKS IS REALLY BEHIND THIS...
SO CAN YOU HELP ME?
HIBIYA COSMETICS
YES!
HE SHOULDN'T GO SCOT-FREE

THESE "KIMONO" THINGS JUST CRACK ME UP!
OH MY, SHE'S CRYING.
WHAT A MISERABLE WRETCH
BUT I GUESS IT SUITS YOU JAPANESE WHO HAVE NO SENSE OF STYLE WHATSOEVER

LISTEN, KATE.
IF YOU CORNER A RAT, IT'LL FIGHT BACK
IF I TRY TO TAKE HER EYE OUT, SHE'LL RESIST FRANTICALLY.

BUT
WE'RE SUPERIOR TO THESE JAPS IN EVERY WAY
THAT'S HOW VICTORS STAY VICTORS
THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO WIN.

YES, SIR!
CHOMP

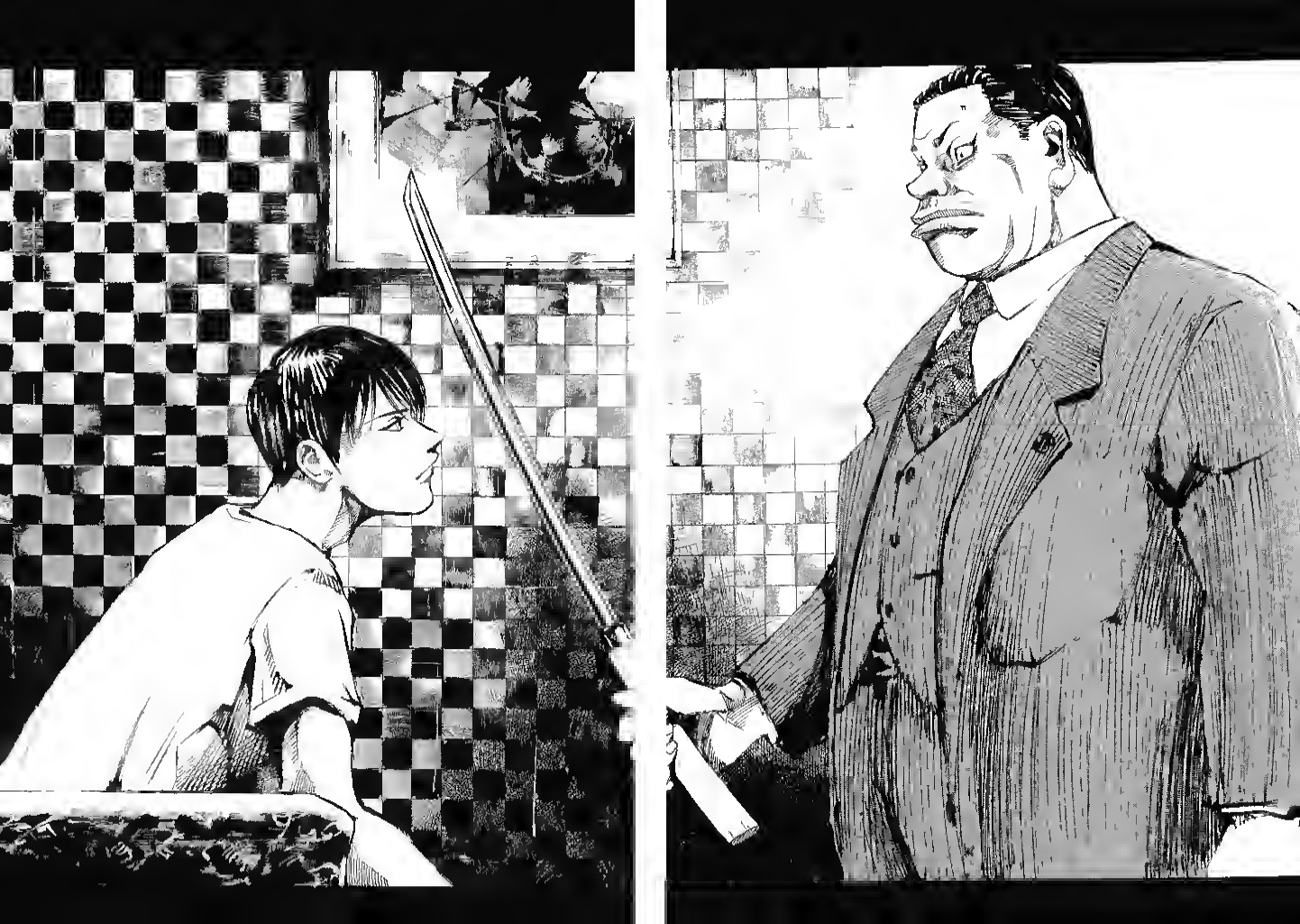
YEAH.

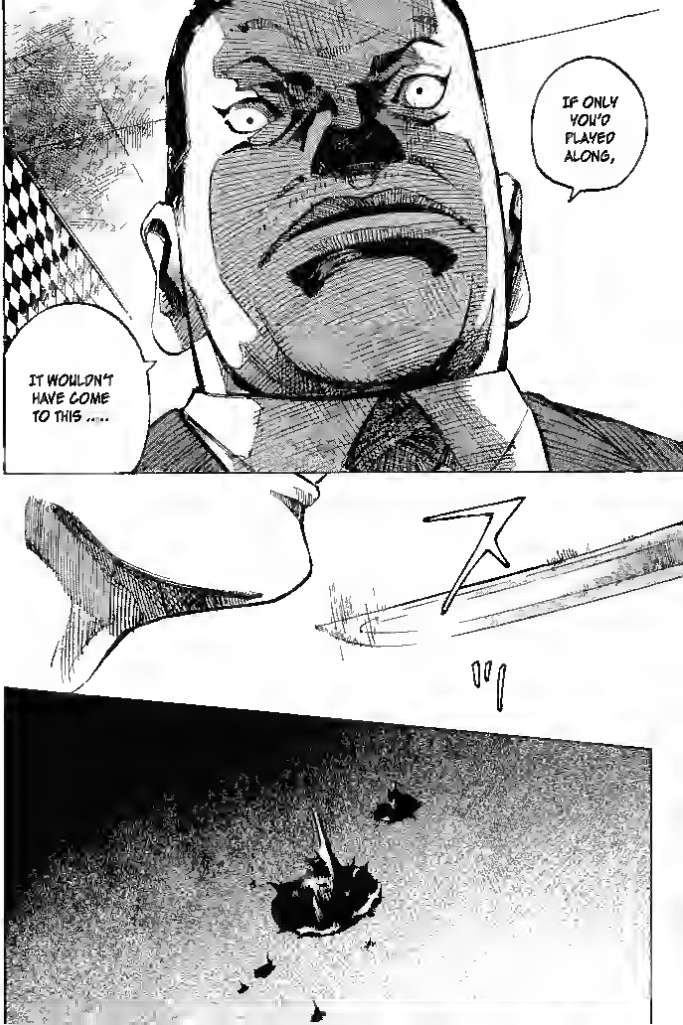
SO YOU WON'T COOPERATE WITH US?
HOTEL

BESIDES, YOU CAN'T FIX THE GAME JUST BY KIDNAPPING ME.

WHEN SOMETHING IS THAT BIG, NO ONE CAN STOP IT.

WELL, EVEN IF WE AGREE, IT'S NOT CLEAR IF THE GIRLS WILL TOO...
MAYBE WE SHOULD SEND THEM A LITTLE SOMETHING
CLATTER




IF ONLY YOU'D PLAYED ALONG,
IT WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO THIS .....

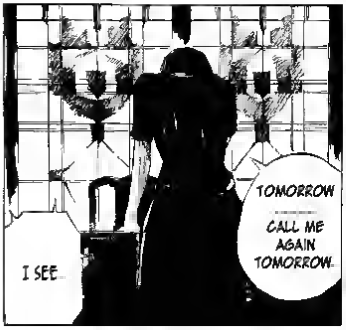
HMMPH
DON'T YOU FEEL ANY SHAME FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING?
NOPE.

OH!

RUNNING
RUNNING
This is horrible!
BOSS
WHAT
HOW...
RANZAKI SPEAKING
YES?
DID YOU RECEIVE OUR PACKAGE?
WHO ARE YOU!?
RUNNING
RUNNING

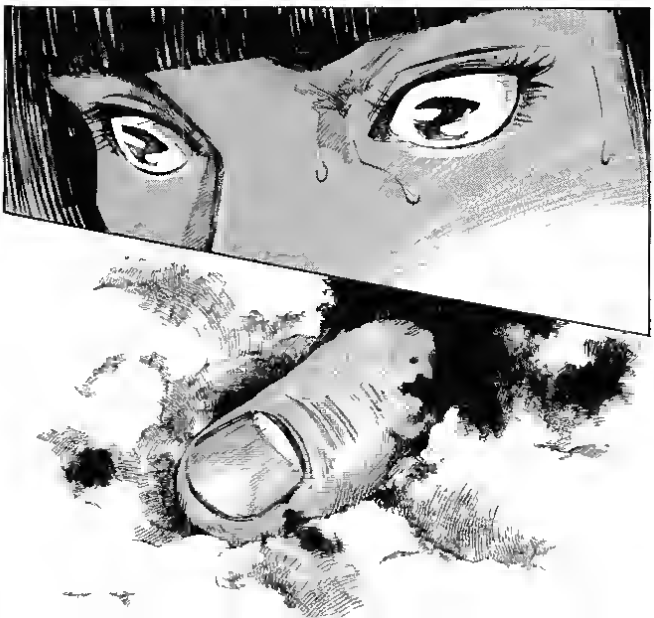
BUT REMEMBER
THE LONGER YOU TAKE TO ANSWER, THE MORE BODY PARTS YOUR BROTHER WILL LOSE . . .
BUT IF WE DON'T RECEIVE A FAVORABLE ANSWER, WE'LL SEND YOU DIFFERENT THINGS EACH DAY.
WITH THIS, WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL THROW THE US-JAPAN MATCH.....
... ...

OF COURSE


I SEE
TOMORROW
CALL ME AGAIN TOMORROW.

AND
IF I AGREE HE'LL BE FINE?

Horrible
....
This
is too
horrible
....



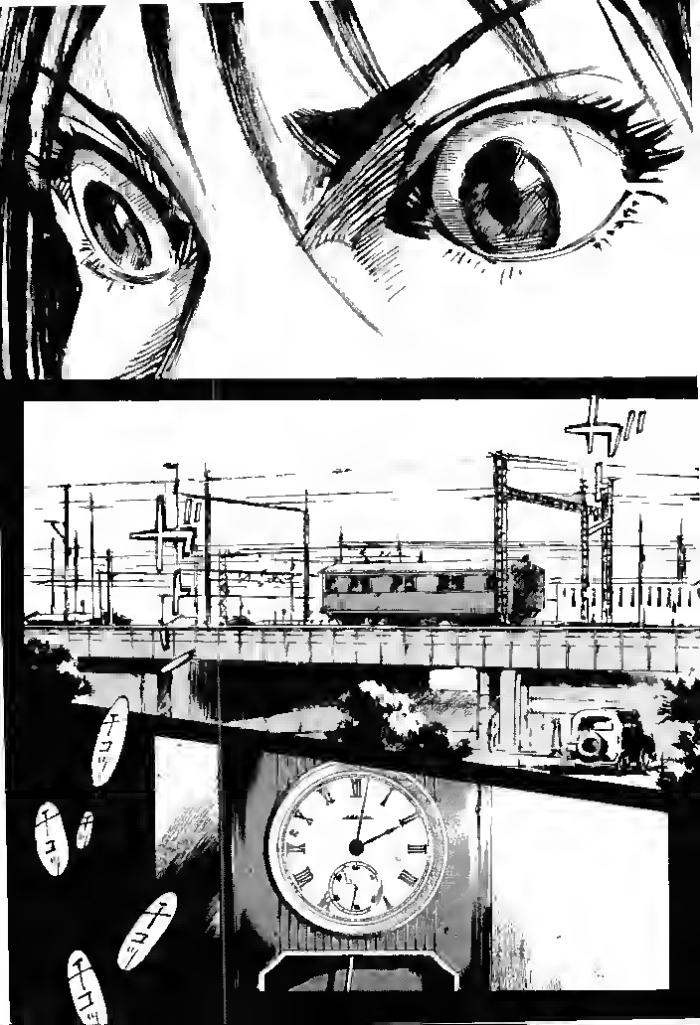
TOME
.....
MS MISAKI.
YES MA'AM.
CALL TOME.....
Dammit!
I've come this far.....

But I can't take this step!

GAME37 END

WHAT'S WRONG? EVERYONE .....
LOOKS SO SERIOUS . ..
MS KANO
I NEED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
BUT LOOK AT THIS FIRST.....

GAME 38
Back from Hell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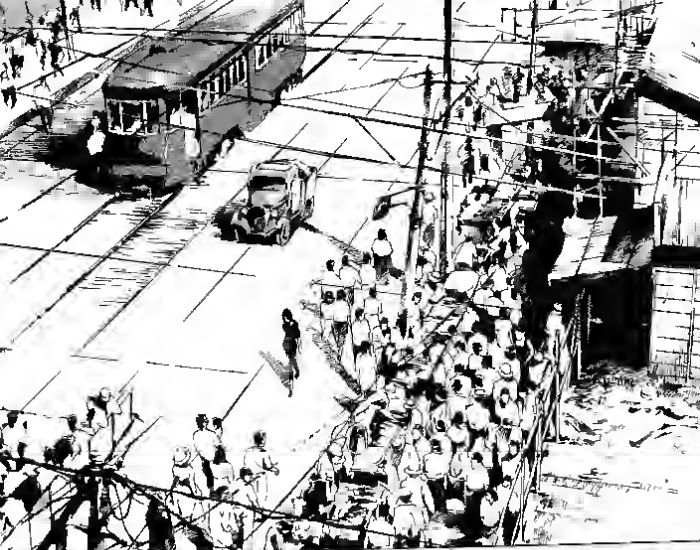
WE'VE NO CHOICE.....
BUT TO GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT .....

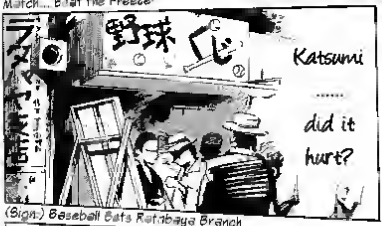
IN EXCHANGE FOR KATSUMI'S LIFE.....

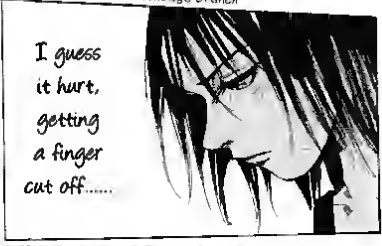
PLEASE UNDER-STAND
KATSUMI WON'T WANT THAT.
WE'VE STILL GOT TIME, RIGHT?
THINK IT OVER.

I'M SORRY
MS KANO
I'M GOING OUT TOO!
But even so..... this isn't a joke!
I can't blame #14..... doesn't she just want to play?


(Sign:) Only a little longer until the US-Japan Match.... beat the Freeze!

Everyone thinks the Freeze did it, but is it true?
日米決戦まであとわずか
倒せフリーズ


野球バ
Katsumi
.....
did it hurt?
(Sign:) Baseball Bats Ratchaya Branch


I guess it hurt, getting a finger cut off.....

IT'S THE IKON-AKMED BEAUTY!!
AH!
IS IT REALLY TOME!?
IT'S REALLY TOME KANO!
HUH?
WHERE IS SHE?
IT'S HER! IT'S REALLY HER!!
BEAT THE AMERICANS FOR US!
PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO WIN!!
I BET 300 YEN ON THE CANDYS!

ARE YOU...
REALLY TOME KANO?
HANG ON---!
I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS!
YOU'RE VERY BEAUTIFUL
YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN SOMETHING SPECIAL, GIRL....
HEY!
YOU'RE A STAR TO JAPAN'S WOMEN! SHINE FOR US!
T-
IT'LL GIVE YOU ENERGY!
BLOW THE FREEZE AWAY FOR US!
THANK YOU.
YEAH.

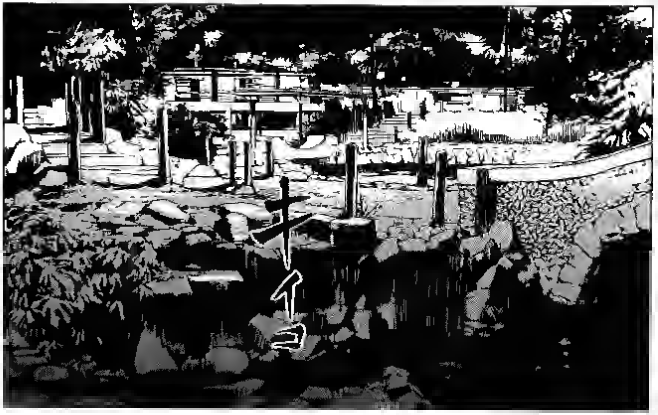
OH! IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE STADIUM, I CAN GIVE YOU A LIFT!!
HEY... WHY ARE YOU BEING SO NICE? SHE DIDN'T SAY SHE WANTED A RIDE.
I'VE
GOT TO PRACTICE
C'MON!
GET IN!
DON'T BE SILLY!
I'LL BE ABLE TO BOAST THAT I GAVE THE IRON-ARMED BEAUTY A LIFT!!
TOKYO
CANDY
STR

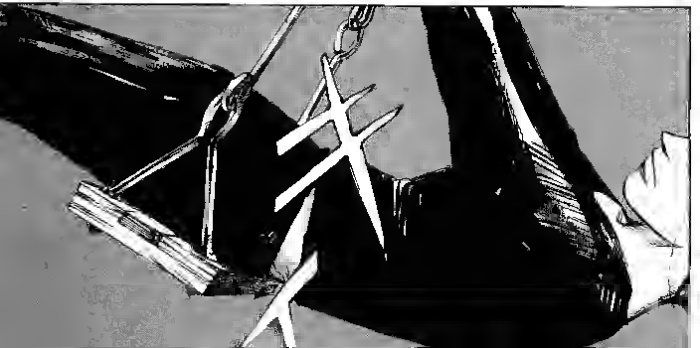
NICE BALL!
THAT WAS GREAT, KATIE!

NOT YET
MY PITCHES AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH.
LET'S CALL IT A DAY.
YOU DON'T WANT TO WEAR YOURSELF OUT.
I DON'T JUST WANT TO WIN AGAINST THESE PISS-POOR JAPS
IT'S GOTTA BE A COMPLETE VICTORY FOR AMERICA.
YEAH!

LET'S CONTINUE!

The Freeze didn't do it.....





ブイーン
Katsumi.....
I can't
back down

They're calling out to me.

And I know that's what you'd want, Katsumi.....

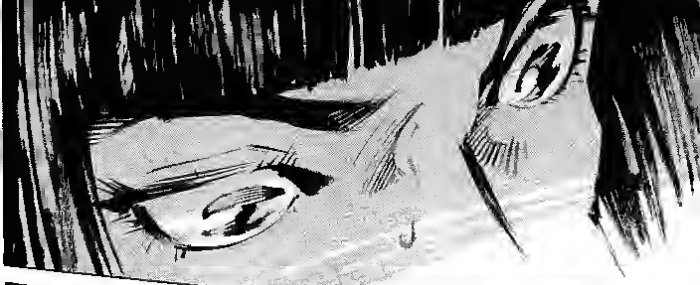
And I.... don't want to lose....

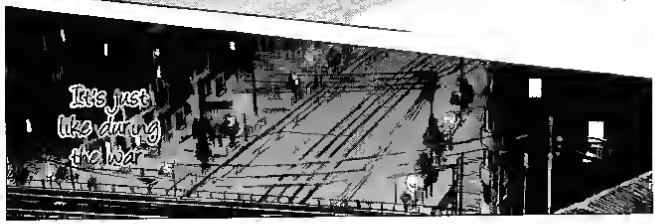
You have to bear the burden of their dreams and push on.
Listen, Tome.
You're the sun. Everyone's sun.

A-
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
YEAH.

AND IT'S GIVEN HIS LIFE MEANING
.....
KATSUMI TOLD ME BEFORE HE LEFT
THAT IT'S THE FIRST TIME SINCE HE RAN AWAY FROM THE WAR THAT HE DID ANYTHING FOR SOMEONE OTHER THAN HIMSELF.

AND THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY REGRETS ——.
HEY.
WILL YOUR TRUST ME WITH YOUR BROTHER'S LIFE?

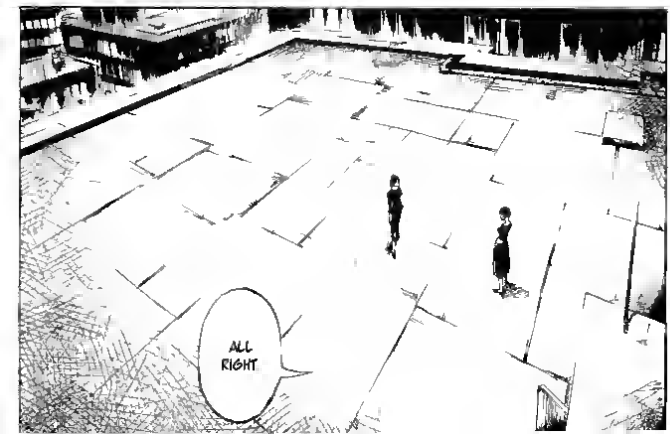




The men go to fight.....

And the women support them.

You've found yourself one hell of a woman.


ALL RIGHT

LET'S HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE.
YEAH.
WE'LL FIND OUR WAY BACK FROM THIS HELL THAT THEY'VE PLUNGED US INTO.
GAME38 END

A press conference this late at night?
SHISEIDO
Be planning to announce it!?
Could they.....

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
日米女子決戦
GAME 39
Press Conference

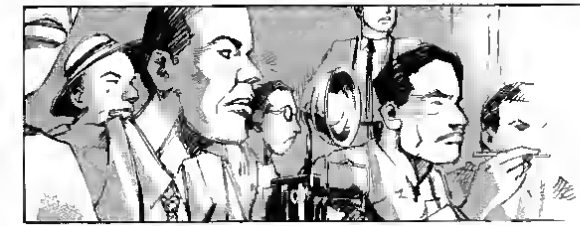
HIBIYA COSMETICS
SO WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO ANNOUNCE?
YES. . . I'LL BE BRIEF

!

HIBIYA COSMETICS AND THE TOKYO CANDYS ARE BEING BLACKMAILED.

.....
AND WE RECEIVED A LETTER SAYING HE'LL BE KILLED IF WE DON'T THROW THE MATCH.
MY BROTHER, KATSUMI RANZAKI HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED .....

THE POLICE HAVE BEEN INFORMED
AND WE'LL BE LEAVING THE CASE TO THEM TO RESOLVE



NO. IT WILL GO AHEAD.

IN THAT CASE,
THE US-JAPAN MATCH WILL BE CALLED OFF?

BUT HOW CAN YOU DO IT!?
YOU'RE GAMBLING WITH SOMEBODY'S LIFE!!
ALL THE PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT TICKETS FOR THE CANDYS... EVERYONE WHO'S SUPPORTING US... WE CAN'T LET THEM DOWN EITHER
B-BUT
YOU'RE IGNORING THEIR DEMANDS!?
WE'VE ALSO.....
COME TOO FAR TO BACK DOWN.

WE'RE PREPARED
EVEN IF THE WORST SHOULD HAPPEN.
WHA-!

MS KANO!
IF YOU WIN, WON'T YOU BE LETTING HER BROTHER DIE!?
RIDICU-LOUS!!
MS KANO!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO!?
I'M NOT GONNA LET HIM DIE.

KATSUMI RANZAKI
IS THE MAN I'M GONNA MARRY.
IF I WIN, HE MIGHT DIE.
BUT WE'VE FOUGHT TOGETHER ALL THIS WAY FOR THE SAKE OF GIRLS PRO BASEBALL.
I KNOW WHAT'S IN HIS HEART

AND I KNOW
HE'LL BE HAPPY WITH MY CHOICE.

WE'LL WIN THIS FIGHT.

THEY'LL SPIT ON US AND TREAT US LIKE PEASANTS IF WE LOSE.

Her voice rings clear,

And her face is steeled.

#14..... is serious!!

CAN WE MAKE THE DEADLINE ?
WHAT TIME IS IT!?
HEY!! CALL THE OFFICE!

Hurts.....
My chest.....

I'm impressed, Jap....

So she'd put her future husband's life on the line...?

PAPA.
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS.
THE JAPANESE THINK WE DID IT.
I JUST WANT A PERFECT WIN.
OF COURSE, KATE
I'M NOT WORRIED.

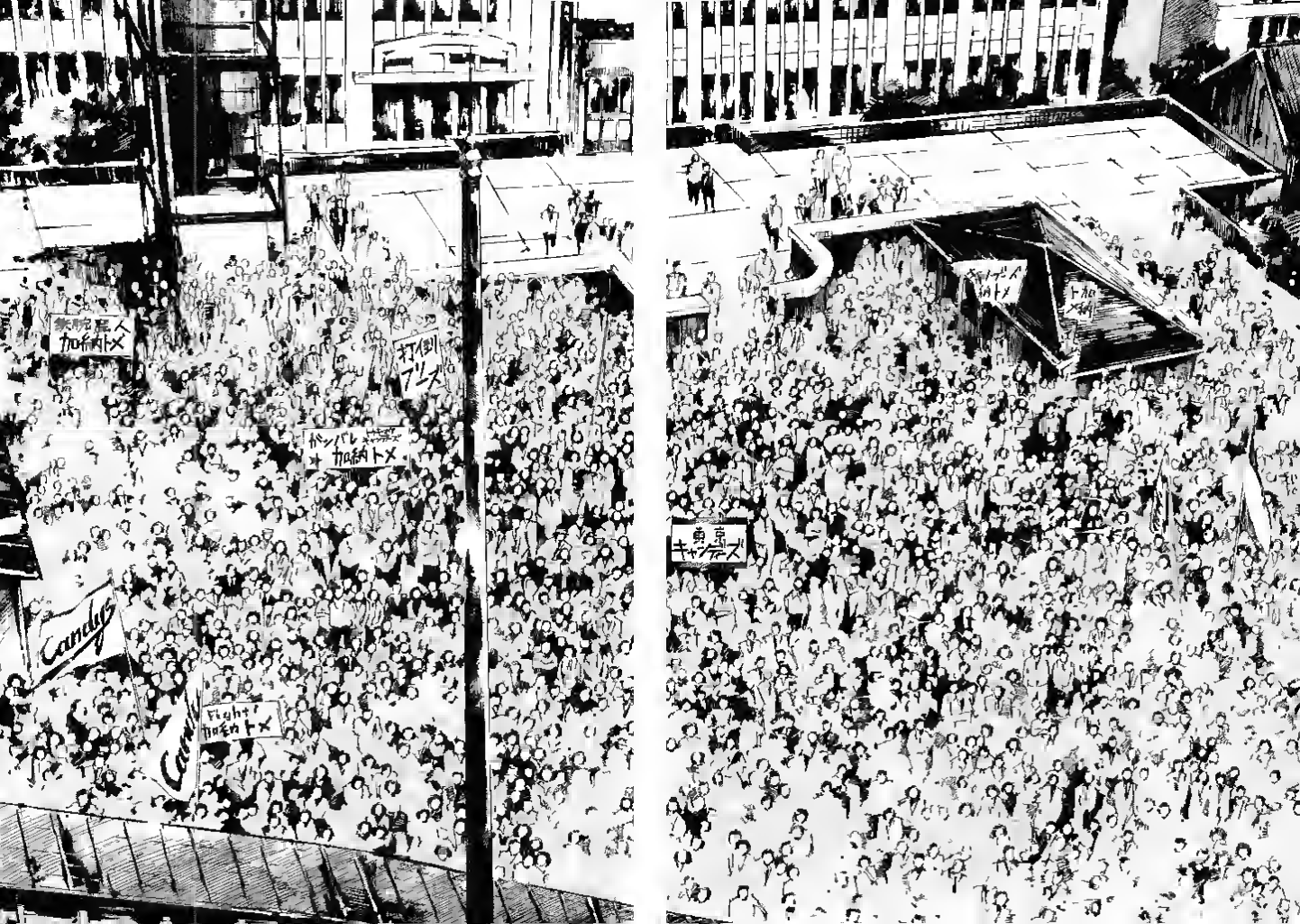
The thing is, Kate... the Japs are putting far more on the line than you are
BURNES.
YES SIR
GOOD NIGHT, PAPA.
YEAH
GO TO BED

Y-YES SIR.....
ARE YOU PREPARED TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY?

SOB
SOB
SOB

I HATE THIS.....
IT'S JUST TOO SCARY....
IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE'RE GOING TO WAR.
WHAT IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE AND LOSE?
IT'S NOT JUST A GAME WHEN SOMEONE'S LIFE IS AT STAKE
EVEN SO, WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

SOB
SOB
OUR ACE REALLY LEADS QUITE A LIFE.
SO YOU CHOSE THESE PEOPLE'S HAPPINESS
OVER YOUR MAN'S LIFE .....?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Candys
Fight!
カルナトメ
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東京
キャンディーズ

AH!
OOH!
TOHE!
TOHE!
TOHE!

TOME!
TOME!
TOME!
TOME!
TOME!
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TOME!
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TOME!
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TOME!
TOME!
TRAPPED BETWEEN THE DEVIL ....
AND THE DEEP, BLUE SEA.
GAME39 END

TO---KYO
BOOBIE-
WOOGIE---
THE RHYTHM
DANCES---
MY HEART---
THROBS
NERVOUSLY

CROSSING
THE SEA---
IT ECHOES---
TOKYO---
BOOGIE-
WOOGIE---
EXCUSE
ME!
TELL YOUR
BOSS I'D LIKE
TO SEE HER.

GAME 40
Weather for Destruction

WHAT DO YOU WANT AT THIS TIME OF THE NIGHT?
THAT'S NO REASON TO COME.
I WAS MOVED BY YOUR DETERMINATION TO LET A MAN DIE.
AND CAME TO CHEER YOU ON.

YOU MAY HAVE A POINT THERE.
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT MY LEAGUE IS IN SHAMBLES
I THOUGHT I HAD SOMETHING GOING THERE
SO WHY ARE YOU HERE?

NO WONDER HE DIDN'T FLINCH WHEN I CUT OFF HIS FINGER
YOU AND HIM ARE AN ITEM, HUH?
SO, MS IRON-ARMED BEAUTY.....

!
!!OH
WHERE'S KATSUMI !?

CRAZY BITCH..... YOU'RE WILLING TO LET YOUR MAN DIE FOR A GAME OF BASEBALL?
LET TOME GO!!
OH OH
OH OH OH

DAMMIT!
THAT HURTS!!
ニヤ
WHA-!

SHE'S STAYING HERE WITH ME.
DON'T LET WORD OF THIS GET OUT. OR ELSE .....

S-
STOP FOOLING AROUND.

STOP FOOLING AROUND!!
GOT IT?!
LISTEN.
DON'T TELL ANYONE SHE'S BEING HELD HOSTAGE AND LET THE MATCH PROCEED.

IT'LL LOOK LIKE SHE COULDN'T TAKE THE PRESSURE AND RAN AWAY.

SO LEAVE .....
THE OFFICE NOW.

HANG ON...
WAIT...
BAM!

パラ
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カチ
I SAID
.....
LEAVE THE OFFICE

YOU COULD JUST KILL ME AND BE DONE WITH IT.
I'M NOT GONNA KILL YOU.
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN KILL SOMEONE, THEN TRY SHOOTING ME NOW!!
YOU'RE WORSE THAN CRAZY!

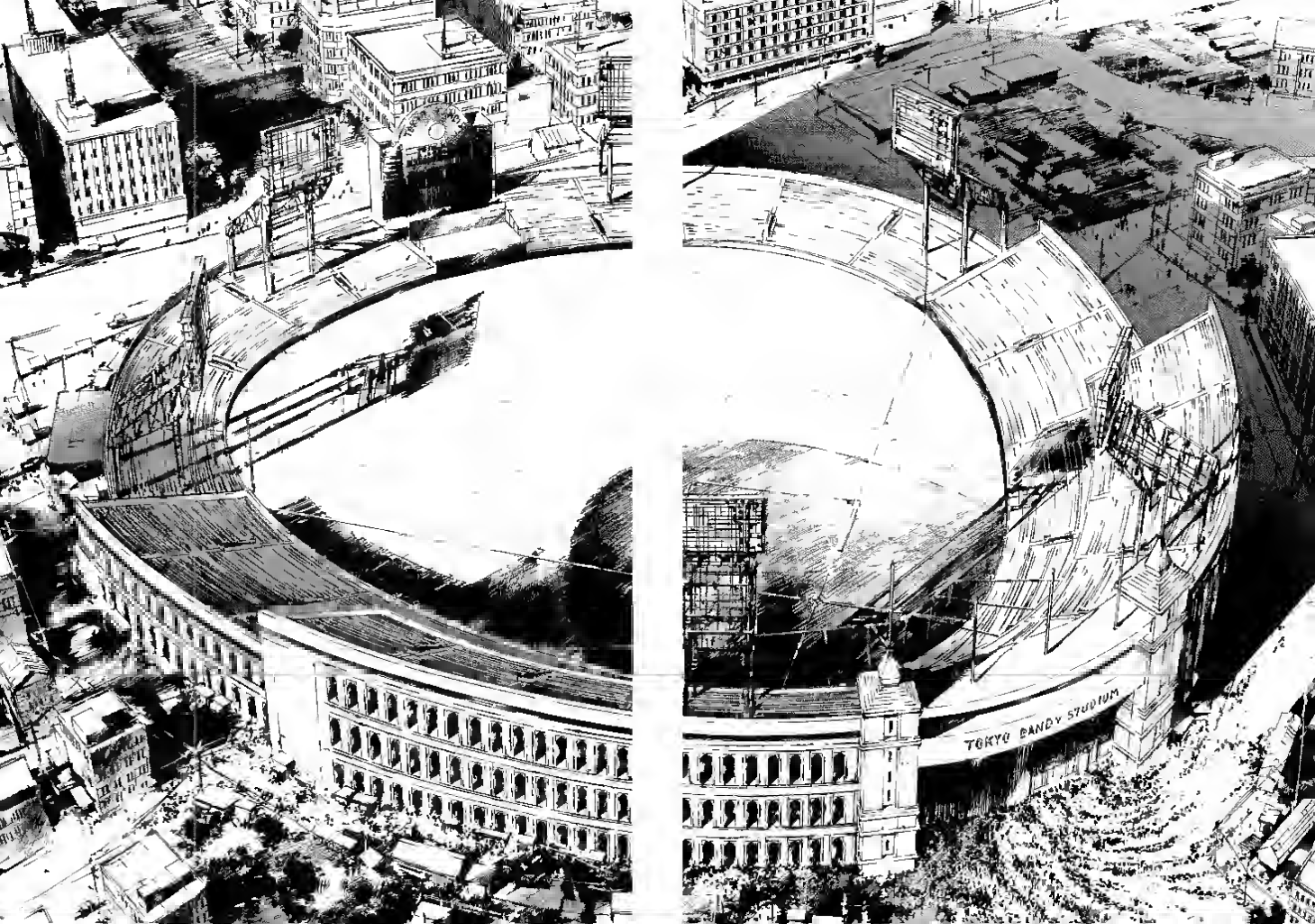
I'M NOT GONNA MAKE YOU A MARTYR.
PEOPLE WOULD FEEL FOR YOU ...
THEN I'LL KILL YOU FIRST!
STOP IT!!

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU, THEN IT'S REALLY ALL OVER. .....
TOME
THE MATCH WILL GO ON WITHOUT HER
JUST LET BOTH OF THEM GO WHEN IT'S OVER...
THAT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU DO.

TOME
BE PATIENT
PLEASE
DON'T MAKE HIM ANGRY.....
I'LL BE JUST OUTSIDE THE DOOR.....
HANG IN THERE

WHAT HAPPENED!? I HEARD A LOUD NOISE!
AH..... UH.....
IT'S NOTHING
EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT
YOU SHOULD GO REST. I'M SURE YOU CAN BARELY SLEEP AROUND HERE
DON'T BE SILLY!
WHEN I THINK OF ALL THAT YOU AND #1W ARE GOING THROUGH, HOW CAN I SLEEP?!

WELL, DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD.
I SEE.....
ANYHOW, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
What should I do.....
What should I do?


TOKYO BANDY STUDIUM

GAME.40 END

I HAVE GRAVE NEWS.....
TELL ME.....
WHATEVER HAPPENS, DON'T BE SURPRISED..

T-
TOME SHE WON'T BE COMING ...
GAME 41
To War

AND I CAN'T TELL YOU WHY
PLEASE, MARTHA.
PULL THE TEAM TOGETHER SOMEHOW.

4
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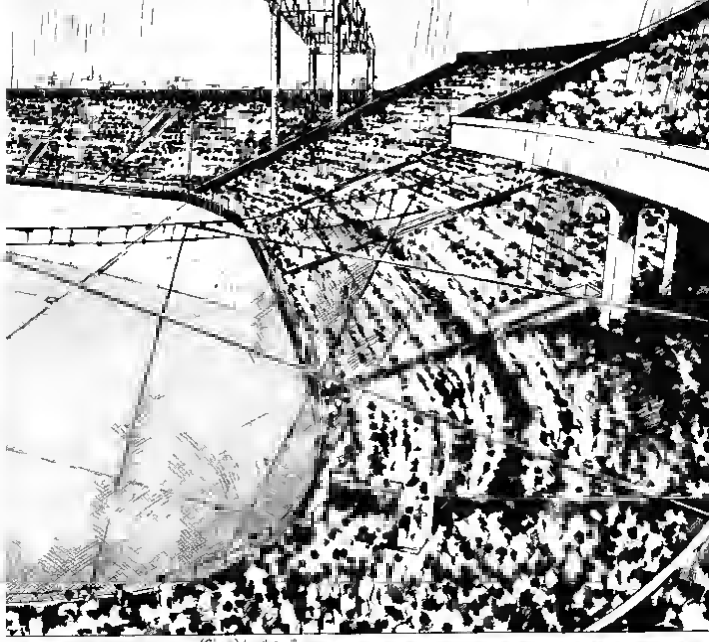
YOU'RE DOING TERRIBLE AS THE OWNER OF THE TEAM
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT OUR ACE HAS GONE MISSING AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR.
IT'S YOUR JOB TO BRING TOGETHER THE PLAYERS SO WE CAN WIN, YOU KNOW.
I'M SORRY ...

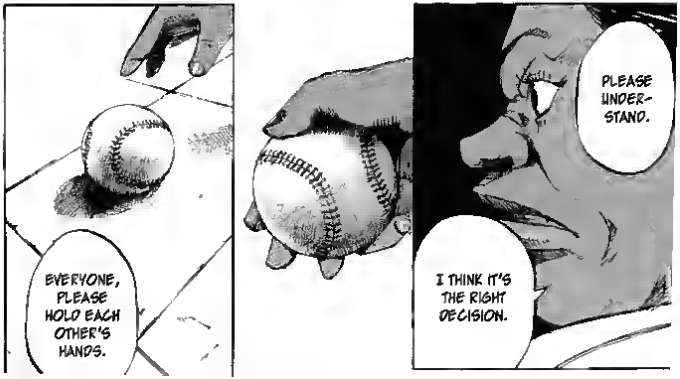
WE'LL GO OUT THERE
AND BRING BACK A VICTORY.

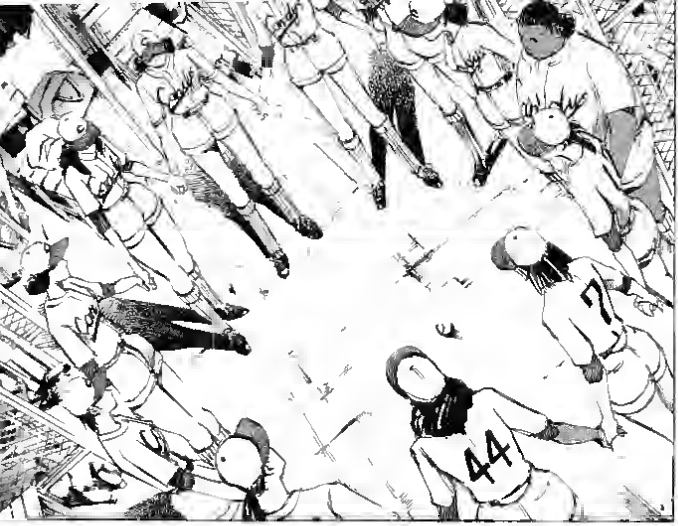
I JUST HEARD THAT THE PEOPLE WHO WEREN'T LET INTO THE STADIUM ARE ON THE VERGE OF RIOTING!
AMAZING!! EVEN SO, THAT'S AMAZING!
HAS ANY GAME SINCE THE WAR ENDED ATTRACTED THIS MUCH ATTENTION BEFORE!?



(Sign) Locker Room

DON'T ASK ANY QUESTIONS.
LADY TOME DIDN'T RUN AWAY.
I FORBADE HER TO COME.
Candy
Candys


PLEASE UNDER-STAND.
I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT DECISION.
EVERYONE, PLEASE HOLD EACH OTHER'S HANDS.



EACH OF YOU HAS WORKED HARD IN ORDER TO STAND ON THIS STAGE.

BUT EACH ONE OF YOU ARE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYERS.

WE'VE COME THIS FAR ON TOME'S STRENGTH,

WE'LL FIGHT THIS BATTLE FOR TOME.

IF ANYONE IS TOO SCARED TO GO ON, SHE CAN LEAVE.

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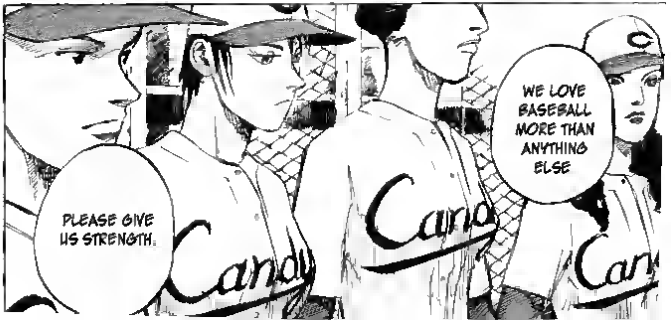
YEAH.
WE'LL DEFINITELY WIN THIS FOR TOME.
THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO BUT FORWARD
ALL RIGHT!!
THIS IS THE CANDYS LINEUP!

#1 CENTER FIELD – CONNIE!
Yes
#2 SHORT-STOP – TAMAKO!
YEAH!!
#3 PITCHER – ITSUKI!
YEAH.
#4 CATCHER – KUROSAWA!
YEAH!!

#5 THIRD BASE - SHIZUKA!
GOTCHA.
#6 SECOND BASE - YAMAMOTO!
YEAH!!
#7 FIRST BASE - CHIE!
YEAH!!
#8 LEFT FIELD - UGAJIN!
YEAH!!
#9 RIGHT FIELD - KAORU!
YEAH!!

WHEN THEY'RE DEFENDING, FLY FAR AND WIDE EVEN IF WE BARELY GRAZE YOU.
ONLY YOU KNOW THE TRUTH.


PLEASE GIVE US STRENGTH.
WE LOVE BASEBALL MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE

C'MON LADIES!
WE'RE GONNA PLAY FOR THE GODS OF BASEBALL!
YEAH!!

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AH! HERE THEY ARE! THE TOKYO CANDYS ARE ENTERING THE STADIUM!!
THERE'S BEEN A SHOCKING LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN THE LINE UP! ITSUKI HAS BEEN SENT ON! BUT SHE LOOKS FEARLESS!

THE SUN BEAMS DOWN FROM ABOVE TOKYO ON THESE LADIES REPRESENTING JAPAN..... AND THE CROWD LOVES THEM!
THIS WILL BE THE MATCH OF THE CENTURY! THE EXCITEMENT IN THE CANDYS STADIUM IS COMING TO A HEAD!

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